

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 223

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 421 in Johnson County in honor of the late Blaine McElyea.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Blaine McElyea, a lifelong resident of Johnson County and one of the finest citizens in the county's illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. McElyea, a gentleman who attained excellence in many different endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElyea was also a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he always remained true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElyea raised a family of six children in a modest home near a bridge on U. S. Highway 421 that was located just outside the corporate limits of Mountain City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElyea's home was eventually razed to make way for the construction of a new bridge at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commission has petitioned this body to name this new bridge on U.S. Highway 421 in honor of Mr. McElyea to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the new bridge spanning Goose Creek on U.S. Highway 421 at the corporate limits of Mountain City in Johnson County is hereby designated the "Blaine McElyea Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the new bridge spanning Goose Creek on U.S. Highway 421 at the corporate limits of Mountain City in Johnson County as the "Blaine McElyea Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.